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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1903.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

No ice harvest yet.

The bazar netted about \$80.

Monday was the shortest day.

The turkey is scarce and high.

Masque ball next Monday night.

Lots of hay coming to town these days.

Make up your New Year resolutions.

Are there to be no holiday weddings?

Butler county voted "wet" last Friday.

School entertainment to-morrow evening.

New steel is being laid on Hogan Mountain.

Santa Claus is mighty busy just about now.

It promises to be a "green" Christmas.

First-class printing at the REGISTER office.

Kindling for sale at the screen door factory.

Leave your order with R. Hotson for fine celery.

Don't forget the Masque Ball next Monday night.

Eggs, twenty-five to thirty cents, and awfully scarce at that.

The public schools are trying to secure funds to buy a piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Cain are now domiciled in the Wemp residence.

The Christmas trade has by no means been up to the average.

Shippers are getting better car service than they did a while back.

Robert Farmer is building a wall at the pits on the rifle range property.

Have you paid your city tax? If you haven't you had better hurry up.

The Methodist folk cleared over \$100 at their festival in Bellevue last week.

A correspondent propounds this question: "Who stole that hunting dog?"

And 1903 is just about ready to take its place among the things that have been.

Just one week more in which to pay your state and county tax without penalty.

A merry, merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year to all our readers!

One and one-third fare for the round trip during the holidays.

E. D. SHATTUCK, Agent.

About fifty employees are now at work in the screen factory, and the prospects are good for a busy season.

One donation of books is already promised. Think about it and give the school your good reading matter.

The boys are organizing another club. A slot machine for cigars will be the first piece of furniture purchased.

There was another big fire in Flat River last week. This is the third big fire they have had in that town recently.

The Baptist Sunday School will give an in-door picnic at the Academy of Music Tuesday evening, December 29th.

Roy Snyder has purchased a half-interest in the Blue Store and will be in charge there after the first of the year.

What about the entertainment proposed for the benefit of the fire department? Has it been abandoned, too?

A number of stone cutters from Graniteville boarded the south-bound train here for Little Rock Sunday evening.

John Ruckelshaus of Bismarck will drill wells for Aug. Riecke, in Ironton, and Louis Miller, in Arcadia, in the near future.

Prof. Daugherty and Commissioner Buford announce that they will conduct a summer school again next summer.

We are still without a regular mail carrier and the department at Washington doesn't seem to care one bit about it.

The drug stores won a big victory in Wayne county last Saturday. The county went "dry" by over five hundred majority.

No one seems to have busied themselves in preparing Christmas cheer for the Valley's poor. This is a duty we should never neglect.

Another special city election will be held Tuesday, January 5th, to elect a successor to Councilman Wemp who has removed to Arkansas.

The safes of the Frisco and Greenville railroads at Williams-ville were blown open Sunday night. \$100 was secured from the two safes.

The band received a letter from Happy Hooligan and his brother, Gloomy Gus, stating that they would attend the Masque Ball, December 29th.

John Brierton was in town last week. Owing to the dull trade in iron and steel John lost his job in Alabama and is now working as night operator on the Iron Mountain again. He is located at Annapolis.

The drug store has replaced the gasoline lamps with coal oil lamps. Hayes says that the experience of a few weeks ago prejudiced him against gasoline.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reagan, Friday, Dec. 18, 1903, twin girls. The mother and children are doing very nicely, and Joe is all smiles.

Mann Ringo was displaying some jumbo pecans at the bank last week. They came from the state of Mississippi and were sure-enough monsters.

The safe in the store of J. S. O'Neal, at Mill Spring, was blown open last Thursday night and over \$500 in money secured. There is no clue to the thieves.

The K. P. members and families had a very pleasant time at the Academy of Music Tuesday evening. Oysters were served and all seemed to enjoy the occasion.

MARRIED—At residence of Mike Spitzmiller, Iron county, Mo., Dec. 22, 1903, by W. G. Fairchild, J. P., Mr. Elza Hale and Miss Nellie Spitzmiller, both of Iron county.

Miss Ethel Foley and Miss June Bennett, who are attending school at Arcadia, are expected home Saturday to spend the holidays with home folks.—Wayne County Journal.

The khaki suits worn by the soldiers have been substituted with an olive drab. When the troops come next summer we will not likely see any more of the brown uniforms.

J. W. Callahan & Co., the brokers, now have put in a private wire and have continuous service from the markets instead of twenty minute quotations as heretofore.

Giles McMahon, who is now living in Boulder, Colorado, who was in Ironton last week on his way home after spending several weeks with relatives in the west end of Iron county.

Some of the prophets are insisting that the coldest weather of the winter has come and gone. But, unfortunately, they don't know any more about the matter than any one else.

C. C. Matthews has taken the place of Wm. Sanders as manager of the Company store at Williams-ville. We are glad to welcome Charley back to Wayne county.—Piedmont Banner.

Harry Hawes spoke at Poplar Bluff last Saturday. Joe Folk will be at Flat River next Tuesday. The gubernatorial candidates are getting in our country and may visit us after while.

It is rumored about town that a petition will be presented to the county court, at the February term, asking that the question of local option be submitted to the voters of the county at an early day.

A majority of the young ladies at the convent in Arcadia left Saturday for their homes to remain until after the holidays. About twenty-five of the pupils will spend the holidays at the convent.

MARRIED—At Oran, Mo., December 7, 1903, by Rev. England, Mr. Luke Hodge to Miss May Caylor. The bride and groom are now the guests of Mrs. Rose Hodge, Arcadia, where they will remain a few days.

While playing foot ball at school a couple of weeks ago, Miss Eva Riley was so unfortunate as to dislocate one of the ankle bones. She has been confined to her room ever since, but hopes to be able to get about soon.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Nall brought five prisoners from St. Louis to serve thirty days in jail here last Sunday. Their names are: Wm. Hoffman, Chas. Chamberless, Thos. Adams, Silas Greer and W. H. Lindsey.

Mr. Daugherty says that you may not see a Cicero or a Catalina at the entertainment, but you will get your money's worth, and help generations that are to follow. When we help them till they cut-strip us we are done.

A telephone message was received here Tuesday afternoon, stating that R. E. Purkiss, who is engaged in carpenter work at Potosi, had fallen off a scaffold and badly sprained his ankle. His injuries are painful but not serious.

We understand a petition will be presented to the county court at the February term asking the court to order an election in this county to determine whether intoxicating liquors shall be sold in this county.—Fredericktown Democrat-News.

The fund that will be raised on Thursday evening will go to either the library or the music fund. Come, and if you have a good volume, for which you have no use, have it displayed from the stage as a gift to the school library.

At the meeting of the city council last week, Geo. Marshall, who has the contract for lighting the street lamps, asked for an increase of pay of from ten cents for each light per night to twelve and a half cents. The increase was granted.

Mr. S. R. Young, the horticultural agent of the Missouri Pacific Railway Company, paid a visit to the top of Shepherd Mountain one day last week. He says he knows of no place more admirably adapted for an orchard than the mountain's summit.

The trial of E. R. Lentz for alleged embezzlement of funds collected by him as attorney for one Elizabeth Brummett, was held in circuit court this afternoon, Judge Anthony presiding. The case went to the jury about three o'clock and, after deliberating a short while, returned a verdict of guilty, assessing his punishment at two years in the penitentiary.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

We are at a loss to understand why anyone in the Valley wants to import bread from St. Louis. The bread baked by our home baker, Joe Madlinger of Pilot Knob, is far superior to any of the St. Louis bread. And Joe should have the home trade.

STRAYED FROM THE RANGE—Two yearlings—one Steer and one Heifer—both red; marked with smooth crop of the right ear. Liberal reward will be paid for information leading to their recovery.

S. E. BUFORD, Bellevue, Mo.

Our faithful Des Arc correspondent, T. P. Fitz, had the misfortune to break his leg while loading hubs at Des Arc Monday. It is reported that the fracture is up near the hip and this renders the fracture all the more serious. We hope he will soon recover from the accident.

Dr. Gay reports the birth of five girls the past week: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wise, Silver Mines, December 16th, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reagan, December 18th, twin girls; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff. Ashlock, December 20th, girl; and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gilliam, Arcadia, December 20th, girl.

J. J. Brown of the school of Mines at Rolla, was here last week arranging to get some specimens from this section for the Missouri mineral display at the World's Fair next year. Among the specimens from this section will be a boulder of magnetic ore weighing several tons.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Straszer was here last Saturday with Geo. Patterson and Willie Patton, of Shannon county, both charged with selling whiskey without Uncle Sam's license. They will be given an examination next Monday. In the meantime they are languishing in durance vile.

Mr. Wallis, the official interpreter for the courts in St. Louis county, spent several days of the past week here with a view of purchasing a farm somewhere in the community. He looked at several pieces of property, but we have not learned whether he has decided to purchase or not.

Mr. J. E. Sloan, of Bellevue, was in town Monday and called at this office to renew his subscription. Mr. Sloan states that he gathered a corn crop this fall from 56 acres of ground that would average 60 bushels to the acre. He owns one of the finest farms in Bellevue.—Potosi Journal.

The Potosi county recorder, Mr. Green, permitted a deed of trust to be satisfied without the presentation of the canceled note, which later turned up and had to be paid. The owner of the land sued the recorder for \$854, and Judge Riley decided that Mr. Green should pay it.—Southeast Missourian.

The different prizes to be awarded at the Masque Ball, Dec. 28th, have been presented by the following leading firms: T. S. Lopez & Sons, H. W. Adolph, Arcadia Valley Drug Co., and Clark & Baldwin Manufacturing Co.'s Store. The patrons of the Masque Ball can rest assured that the prizes will be something nice and valuable.

Wife—John, have you visited the school yet?

John—No, wife, I have been too busy. How are Dick and Harry getting on, anyhow?

Wife—Well, John, for the life of me I can't say, for I have never been over, but have bought two tickets and told Mr. Malugen that you would pay for them.

Will you, John?

The Clark & Baldwin Manufacturing Company are putting in a hub factory at Mungar, about twelve miles west of Ironton. The machinery will be taken from the plant here and put out there. There is an abundance of hub timber in that vicinity. The factory will be got in operation as soon as possible. The hubs will be shipped from here.

W. L. Moore, Chief of the Weather Bureau, has notified Postmaster Bishop that in future this office will receive "Emergency Warnings" of storms, hurricanes and cold waves of unusual severity. These warnings are telegraphed and the Postmaster will arrange to have them bulletined at the post-office. Whitworth's store in the south end of the town and Lopez's in the north end.

The post-office department at Washington has not yet taken any action in reference to carrying the mail to and from the office to the trains. As long as Postmaster Bishop can find some one to carry the mail at the old contract price, fifty-three cents a day, we will suffer no inconvenience, but in case he cannot we will have to do without mail until the department at Washington sees fit to act.

Prizes awarded to competitors at the recent bazar given by the ladies of St. Paul's are as follows: Best layer cake, a burnt leather sofa pillow, Mrs. Mann Ringo; best loaf cake, a four-year-old palm, Mrs. Hays Malugen; best loaf of bread, a cook apron, Mrs. Price Ringo; best potato salad, a pretty vase, Mrs. McKee; best pound of butter, a nicker drip coffee pot, Mrs. E. P. Hatten; best colored embroidery, burnt wood frame, Miss Westing; for sale of most tickets, \$1.00, B. Patton.

So far the railroad company has paid no attention to the appeal made for better train service at this station. It looks very much like we will have to resort to heroic measures to get what we want. We have asked for nothing unreasonable, and if the company was disposed to do the right thing our requests would be granted. If they refuse to grant what we ask for, perhaps we are in a position to make them pay some attention to us. And we see no need of further delay in regard to the matter.

The REGISTER is asked to print the following that it may come under the eyes of Santa Claus. He will be sure to see it, for he has been a subscriber to this paper through all its thirty-six years:

YELLOW PINE, LA.
Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a hobby horse and a big red wagon, a toy train, some ABC blocks, and a tricycle, an overcoat, a collar and necktie. Bring papa and mamma something nice and fill my stockings full of bananas and apples.

As ever, Your Little Boy,
WALTER JOHNSON.

The butchers have about concluded not to take out city license. The city authorities have ruled that a city license is necessary only where a man slaughters meat. That any one has a right to retail meat not slaughtered in the city. As most of the meat sold by the butchers here is imported from St. Louis they do not see the wisdom of renewing license and will probably refuse to do so. Some of the butchers, however, are in favor of increasing the license from \$10 to \$25 per annum, and not allowing anyone to sell fresh meat with out a license therefor.

An editor stood at the pearly gate with all his sins and patches; not long did he have to tarry and wait, till they gave him a handful of matches, and tapped a big bell that was answered in—well, the place of the sulphur crater; and he soon found himself in it; the fast going elevator. They landed him straightway in furnace 13, alongside of a political briber. When lo, through a halo of fire and brimstone, he saw an old delinquent subscriber. And I would his subscriber's face I could show you, as his embarrassment he tried to hide, a huge cart drew to his side, saying, here editor, is that wood I owe you.—E.

The meeting of the Horticultural Association on last Thursday was a success, and promises a future of more than ordinary interest. The subject of fruit-growing in general was touched upon by all of the speakers, and by experts in that line, strawberries, grapes and peaches being enlarged upon. Those who missed the meeting have reason for regret. Several parties accompanying the speakers are so much interested in the prospective future of this neighborhood that they propose to buy land and set out fruits of various kinds. Prof. Howard, of the Columbia University, Mr. Meyers, Mr. Wallis and Mr. S. R. Young were the speakers.

The following order has been issued by the "vigilance committee" of Hoxie, Ark.: "Notice to hoboes, tramps, bums, thieves, thugs and Weary Willies. Don't let the sun set on you in Hoxie. If you do, what the vigilance committee will do for you will be a plenty. Some of you will think that let night catch you here, if you do you will find a rough house before morning. Build no camp-fires. Keep out of the waiting rooms. Stay off the railroad platforms. Stay away from Hoxie and tell your fellow travelers to do likewise. Heed this advice else the committee will attend to you with neatness and dispatch."

A Baptist brother from Iron county was in attendance on an association in a neighboring county a short time since, and in the course of the proceedings it was proposed to sell some property under the control of the Association at a stated price. When it came his time to speak the brother from Iron county got up and said he was opposed to the sale of the property at the figures named. "Why," said he, "if a climax was to sweep over this country to-morrow and level all the buildings to the ground, the property would still be worth more than the price named." This is the story told by another brother from Iron county who was in attendance, and he says that "a climax" came very near sweeping over the congregation right then and there.

Prosecuting Attorney Van Nort last Thursday notified the cigar dealers in town, who have slot machines, that the practice of a bunch of fellows getting together and whirling the machine to see who would get all the cigars put up, would have to stop. The prosecuting attorney said there was no objection to the use of the machine as originally intended—that of letting a man drop his nickel in the slot and taking one, two or three cigars as the number indicated—but the practice of piling a number of cigars on top and the "high" man taking them all, would have to be abandoned. The dealers all acquiesced and the cigar game is now a thing of the past. Mr. Van Nort says that complaint came to him from various sources in regard to the matter. There are some people, you know, who have very little business of their own to attend to, so they have to look after their neighbor's welfare, too.

Mr. C. K. Polk has a letter in this issue referring to an item in last week's REGISTER concerning butchers' licenses in Ironton. I thought I had plainly stated my opposition to the license system, but Mr. P. seems to think my wish is to extend it. I did say that if one man was required to take out a license for dealing in fresh meats, then all others in the same line should be dealt with in the same way. This of course would not apply to farmers butchering and selling meats from stock of their own raising, as they have the untaxed right to sell all the products of their farms. I agree with Mr. P. that restricted trade hurts the farmer most in the end, and have always contended that there should be no restriction. But while that restriction exists let it rest alike upon all. The license system is

SANTA CLAUS

Will soon be here. Prepare for him by coming to the ARCADIA VALLEY GROCERY STORE and getting Presents for your Wives, Children and Sweethearts; as I have a fine assortment of Table Cutlery, such as Silver Knives and Forks, Spoons, Butter Knives, Skates, all Kinds of Tools, Guns and various other kinds of Hardware.



Save one-third of your fuel this winter by putting weather strips on your windows and doors. I can have them put on for you at any time.

My Meat Market

Is now open, and can furnish Beef, Pork, Sausage and all kinds of Salt Meats.

Fresh Butter always on hand. Hens are on a strike for shorter hours and more pay, and until I compromise on hours and pay with my feathered friends, I will have to cut out eggs for the present.

My aerial ship arrived, but en route it became transformed into a new up-to-date delivery wagon, in charge of Fred Schach, who will take your orders for Meat, Groceries and Hardware, which will receive prompt attention and be duly appreciated by me. I do not ask you for all of your trade, but I would like a part of it, if I sell as cheap, and treat you as well, as other grocery merchants. So I kindly solicit you, one and all, for a share of your patronage.

LOUIS MILLER,

Prop'r Arcadia Valley Grocery Store, Arcadia, Mo.

wrong; partially applied, it is rank injustice. And that is the only point touched in last week's item.

Go to Lopez's for your Xmas candies.

PERSONAL.

Frank Nall was in town Sunday. Miss Grace Reagan is home on a visit.

Mrs. Dr. Wicks was in St. Louis this week. Franco Bond arrived home from Alton Tuesday.

F. Rodach, of Middlebrook, was in Ironton Monday.

W. P. Wemp and family left for Little Rock Sunday.

Emil Rowary, home from Mexico for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Schwab will spend Christmas in Potosi.

Mrs. Julia Carter and baby, of St. Louis, are in the Valley.

J. C. Paulus and wife, of Bellevue, were in town Monday.

Warren Prince is home from Liberty, Mo., for the holidays.

S. H. Gosney has just returned from a visit to Dunklin county.

James Lucy and John Lucy, of Sabula, were in town Tuesday.

W. A. Boring and wife, of Bellevue, were in Ironton Tuesday.

Mrs. G. W. Phillips is reported very ill at her home in Bellevue.

F. W. Prentice, of Michigan, was here several days of the past week.

Chas. Downey and wife, of Vineland, were here the past week.

Barney Frauenthal and family were here from St. Louis Sunday.

Mrs. E. E. Cain will spend the holidays at her old home in Indiana.

Thos. Hall has removed his family from Ironton to Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Mrs. Louis Schultz, of St. Louis, is spending the week with relatives in Ironton.

Bond Fleming is spending Christmas in his old home, St. Joseph, Mo.

Mrs. J. V. Ryan, of New York City, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Schwab.

Mr. Ferry of the screen factory will spend Christmas with his family in Michigan.

Prof. and Mrs. Wilkinson and little daughter arrived from Upper Alton Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Edgar and Miss Maude attended the Patti concert in St. Louis last week.

Miss Maude Edgar attended the military ball given by the officers at Jefferson Barracks Saturday night.

Louis H. Musgraves, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Secretary of State, was in Ironton last week.

Chas. Dalton will leave the first of the year for St. Louis where he has a position in a wholesale establishment.

Miss Flavia Polk returned home Sunday after spending a week in Farmington, as the guest of Mrs. F. Richardson.

Goff Whitworth, wife and baby, of St. Louis, will be here to-morrow to spend Christmas with relatives in this city.

John Bethel, of Arcadia, left last Thursday on a trip to Salt Lake City and other western points. He expects to be absent about a week.

Miss Westernman, who has been spending some time here as the guest of John W. Callahan and family, left for her home in Salem Sunday.

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visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Reagan at this place and will spend a few days with Mrs. S.'s sister, Mrs. C. Morris in De Soto, before returning home.

Mrs. H. O'Brien and her daughter, Miss Leah, went to St. Louis Tuesday, whence the latter departed the following day for the Hoosier State.

Santa Claus has arrived at Fairchild's, two doors south of the post-office, with his pack of oranges, nuts, and candies.

The Farmer's Friend.

Mr. Editor:—I saw in your last week's paper an item of complaint against the merchants of Ironton and Arcadia, for buying and selling fresh meats, and an appeal for protection of the butchers by requiring the merchants to pay a special license.

I understand the merchant's license to be his personal tax, with one dollar added, which he pays to the collector when he gives bond, just the same as the farmer pays on his hogs, cattle, horses, etc. I think the butcher's license something on the same order. I think the complaint unjust, and against the interests of the farmers.

I saw in the same number a call from the collector for the taxpayer to walk up to the rack or take the consequences. Now, Mr. Editor, confine the meat trade to two butchers and where will the farmer get the money to pay his taxes, to pay for his paper and for his doctor bills? I will give you some of my experiences in 1902. I had a fine beef steer which I tried all winter to sell to the butchers; I could not sell at what I thought a fair price. The butchers said they were getting their meat from St. Louis. In March, or the first of April, I sold the steer to Mr. Allen McKee, agreeing on the price without any difficulty. This fall I had the same experience. I had a beef steer to sell to pay my taxes; I began early in the fall to try and sell to the butchers, but I could not sell, for it seemed they were always full. Mr. McKee bought this steer also.

I know a man who had a fat hog that was needed for home use—for the good lady of the house told me so—but it had to be sold to raise taxes. Mr. Louis Miller, of Arcadia, bought the hog or there might have been another delinquent.

Wm. Whitworth, of Arcadia, has helped many a farmer to pay his taxes and to raise a little needed cash by paying cash for pork. God has been good to the people by giving them such men, and we should never forget them. May success crown their efforts.

I speak of the selling of the hog, because I have no doubt there are hundreds of similar cases in the county. Do not discourage the merchants, but encourage them to buy what the farmer raises and help the man that has no protection.

C. K. POLK.

Wine Sap and Baldwin apples at Lopez's.

Millinery at cost and less at Mrs. Woodside's.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*

SPECIAL CITY ELECTION.

NOTICE Of Special Election for Member of City Council of City of Ironton, Iron County, Mo., to Fill Vacancy:

IRONTON, Mo., December 23, 1903. WHEREAS, A vacancy exists in the City Council of the City of Ironton, by reason of the removal from said City of W. P. Wemp, a member of said City Council:

Now therefore, I, Wm. R. Edgar, Mayor of the City of Ironton, Mo., by virtue of the power in me vested by the ordinance of the City of Ironton, order a Special Election to be held at the courthouse in said City on Tuesday, the 5th day of January, 1904, to fill said vacancy.

WM. R. EDGAR, MAYOR. Attest: NANNIE WALKER, Clerk.

WHEREAS, Wm. R. Edgar, the Mayor of the City of Ironton, has appointed the undersigned as Judges of a Special City Election, called to fill vacancy in the City Council, caused by the removal from said City of W. P. Wemp, a member of said Council, and

WHEREAS, The Charter of said City provides that the Judges of Election thus appointed shall give notice of the Election; we, therefore, hereby give notice that a Special City Election will be held at the courthouse in the said City under the election law, on

Tuesday, January 5th, 1904, to elect the following officers: One Councilman to fill unexpired term of W. P. Wemp.

WM. H. WHITWORTH, A. S. PRINCE, FRANK P. AKE, Judges of Election.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic
has stood the test 25 years. Average Annual Sales over One and a Half Million bottles. Does this record of merit appeal to you? No Cure, No Pay. 50c.
Enclosed with every bottle is a Ten Cent package of Grove's Black Root Liver Pills.